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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4815

INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, JA, RP

SUBJECT: JAPANESE HOSTAGES IN PHILIPPINES

REF: A) TOKYO 16076; B) MANILA 15806

1. LATEST GOJ REPORT FROM JAPANESE EMBASSY MANILA RECEIVED NOV, 2 PM) INDICATED THAT RECOVERY OF SIX JAPANESE FISHERMEN WAS NOT PROCEEDING AS RAPIDLY AS PRESS ACCOUNTS WOULD INDICATE. CONS DIV DIR KAWASAKI SAID CABLE FROM MANILA (BASED ON CONSULAR OFFICER SASAKI'S REPORT) REPORTED THAT HALIM ABUBAKAR, DIRECTOR FILIPINO-JAPANESE JOINT FISHING VENTURE, ACCOMPANIED BY FORMER REBEL WOULD REQUIRE TWO DAYS TO CONTACT REBELS, NEGOTIATE AND RETURN TO ZAMBOANGA. KAWASAKI SAID REAR ADMIRAL ROMULO ESPALDON HAS NOW TAKEN CHARGE OF PHILIPPINE MILITARY EFFORTS TO RECOVER THE FISHERMEN. CONTRARY TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, FONOFF REPORT INDICATES THAT DEMANDS OF REBELS ARE NOT YET CLEAR AND IT IS NOT YET CERTAIN WHETHER REBELS WANT FUNDS OR RELEASE OF TWO REBELS INCARCERATED IN AUGUST FOR KIDNAPPING OF JAPANESE AIR HOSTESS HONEYMOONING IN MINDANAO OR BOTH.

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2. REGARDING GOJ WARNING TO JAPANESE CITIZENS OF DANGERS  
NEAR MINDANAO, KAWASAKI TOLD US GOJ MINISTRY OF  
TRANSPORTATION IS CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
ADVISING BOTH JAPANESE SHIPS/BOATS AND JAPANESE  
CITIZENS OF DANGERS IN AREA OF MINDANAO AND ENCOURAGING  
THEM TO STAY CLEAR OF AREA.  
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